

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

George Sabin, )  
                        ) NO. CIV 08-1852-PHX-SRB  
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                        Plaintiff, )  
                        )  
vs.                     )         **RULE 16**  
                        )         **SCHEDULING ORDER**  
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Curt Manufacturing, Inc., )  
                        )  
                        Defendant. )  
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Pursuant to the terms of the Case Management Plan and the representations made by the parties at the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference, all parties shall comply with the deadlines established in this Order.

A. The Fed.R.Civ.P. as amended December 1, 2007, shall apply to all proceedings concerning this case.

B. All Initial Disclosures as defined in Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a), if not already disclosed prior to the Scheduling Conference, shall be made **no later than five (5) days** after the date of entry of this Order, or in the alternative, no later than: **already exchanged.**

C. To satisfy the requirements of Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a), the parties shall file with the Clerk of the Court a Notice of Initial Disclosure, rather than copies of the actual disclosures.

D. Motions to Amend the Complaint, and to join additional parties shall be filed no later than April 17, 2009.

E. The Plaintiff(s) shall disclose the identity of all persons who may be used at trial to present evidence under Fed.R.Evid. 701, 702, 703, 704, and 705 no later than July 8, 2009.

The Defendant(s) shall disclose the identity of all persons who may be used at trial to present evidence under Fed.R.Evid. 701, 702, 703, 704, or 705 no later than August 5, 2009. No deposition of any expert witness shall occur before the disclosures concerning expert witnesses mandated by this Order are made.<sup>1</sup>

The disclosures of the identities of all persons who may be used at trial to present evidence under Fed.R.Evid. 701, 702, 703, 704, or 705 shall also include all of the disclosures required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2)(B) if the witness is either (1) retained or specifically employed to provide expert testimony in the case, or (2) is an agent or employee of the party offering the testimony whose duties regularly involve giving expert testimony.

Rebuttal experts, if any, shall be disclosed by September 4, 2009.

F. All discovery, including answers to interrogatories, production of documents, depositions and requests to admit must be completed by November 6, 2009.

G. The parties are required to finally supplement all discovery, including material changes in expert witness opinions and disclosure, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(3), of all exhibits to be used and all witnesses to be called at trial, on or before October 6, 2009. The

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<sup>1</sup> The parties are hereby given notice that this Order requires disclosure different than that required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2).

parties are reminded that this order governs and supersedes the 30 days before trial disclosure deadline contained in Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(3). Therefore, (1) failure to timely supplement Rule 26(a) disclosures, including witnesses and exhibits for trial, (2) failure to timely supplement responses to any valid discovery requests, and (3) attempts to include witnesses or exhibits in the Proposed Final Pretrial Order that were not previously disclosed in a timely manner may result in the exclusion of such evidence at trial or the imposition of other sanctions pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 37, the Local Rules of the District Court, and the inherent power of the Court.

H. Discovery by interrogatory shall be governed by Fed.R.Civ.P. 33 unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

I. Depositions shall be limited as provided by Rules 30 and 31 of the Fed.R.Civ.P. unless granted permission to depart from these Rules by Order of this Court.

J. Motions on discovery matters are strongly discouraged. Parties are directed to LRCiv 7.2(j), which prohibits filing discovery motions unless parties have first met to resolve any discovery difficulties. If the parties cannot reach a resolution, they are directed to jointly arrange a conference call with the Court to resolve the matter orally in court in lieu of filing a formal motion.

K. This Order contemplates that each party will conduct discovery to permit completion within the deadline. Any discovery which results in insufficient time to undertake necessary additional discovery and which requires an extension of the discovery deadline will be met with disfavor, will only be granted for good cause shown, and may result in denial of an extension, exclusion of evidence, or the imposition of other sanctions.

L. All dispositive motions shall be filed no later than **December 18, 2009**. Each party shall file no more than one motion for summary judgment unless leave of Court is obtained.

M. All parties are specifically admonished that pursuant to LRCiv 7.2(i), "[i]f a motion does not conform in all substantial respects with the requirements of this Rule, or if the opposing party does not serve and file the required answering memoranda, or if counsel for any party fails to appear at the time and place for oral argument, such non-compliance may be deemed a consent to the denial or granting of the motion and the Court may dispose of the motion summarily."

N. A Joint Proposed Pretrial Order shall be lodged by **May 17, 2010**. The content of the Proposed Pretrial Order shall include, but not be limited to, that prescribed in the Form of Joint Proposed Pretrial Order. Statements made shall not be in the form of a question, but should be a concise narrative statement of each party's contention regarding each uncontested and contested issue. The parties shall e-mail the Joint Proposed Pretrial Order to the Chambers mailbox at [bolton\\_chambers@azd.uscourts.gov](mailto:bolton_chambers@azd.uscourts.gov). in either WordPerfect or Word format.

O. If the case will be tried to the Court, rather than to a jury, in addition to filing a **Joint Proposed Pretrial Order**, each party shall also submit Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on the same date the **Joint Proposed Pretrial Order** is due.

P. The attorneys for each party who will be responsible for trial of the lawsuit shall appear and participate in a **Pretrial Conference on May 24, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.** At the **Pretrial**

**Conference** this Court will establish a firm trial date and will issue the **Final Pretrial Order** with any additional instructions for trial preparation.

Q. The parties are advised that they will be required to file with the **Joint Proposed Pretrial Order** the following:

(1) A joint stipulated Statement of the Case to be read to the jury and included in the jury questionnaire. If the parties have any disagreement about the statement, the party proposing the statement will set it forth in the joint pleading and the party objecting shall set forth the reason for the objection below the statement and offer an alternative statement.

(2) A joint stipulated set of voir dire questions to be added to the Court's standard questionnaire and/or to be given by the Court. The voir dire questions shall be drafted in a neutral manner. If the parties have any disagreement about a particular question, the party proposing the question will set it forth in the joint pleading and the party objecting shall set forth the reason for their objection below the question and offer alternative questions.

(3) Joint stipulated jury instructions. The instructions shall be accompanied by citations to legal authority. If the parties have any disagreement about any particular instruction, the party proposing the instruction will set it forth in the joint pleading and the party objecting shall set forth the reason for the objection and offer an alternate instruction.

(4) A joint stipulated form of verdict. If the parties have any disagreement about the form of verdict, the party proposing the form will set it forth in the joint pleading and the party objecting shall set forth the reason for the objection and offer an alternative form of verdict.

(5) A Trial Memorandum of Law for each party. The memorandum shall be brief but must address all questions of law, including evidentiary issues that the party anticipates will arise at trial.

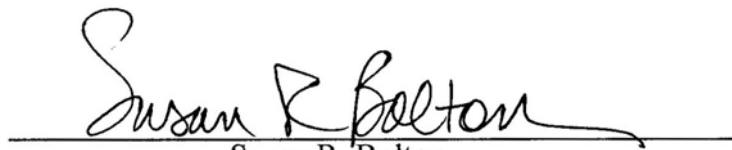
(6) Any final pretrial matters required under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) are due prior to the preparation and submission of the **Joint Proposed Pretrial Order**.

(7) The parties shall submit their proposed voir dire questions, statement of the case, jury instructions, in .pdf format, and form of verdict in WordPerfect or Word format, to the Chambers mailbox, at **bolton\_chambers@azd.uscourts.gov**.

R. No Motions in Limine shall be filed.

**IT IS ORDERED** setting Bench Trial on June 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2009.



Susan R. Bolton  
United States District Judge